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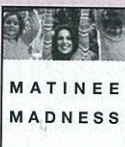
The Beirut Apt

Daniele Salaris

UK/Italy 2007 Video 50 min

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ALL-AGES
SCREENING



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The Beirut Apt is both a documentary and a poetic tribute to Lebanon's gay and lesbian citizens, who live in a nation where homosexuality is not only punishable in practice but also illegal to discuss publicly.

In May 2007, a collective of Italian filmmakers headed out to Beirut to journey into the lives of Lebanese gays and lesbians, who are both Muslim and Christian. In a country where the notorious Article 534 is still used to harass and suppress gays and lesbians, the filmmakers found an apartment in the Rouche district where interviewees could talk freely about their lives without fear of being overheard. The apartment becomes a confessional for four individuals, with the cityscape used as a backdrop.

Not only are we privy to how these people express their sexuality, but we also hear their views on the recent Hezbollah-Israeli conflict and whether this volatile political situation hindered or improved the situation for queer people in Lebanon. One of the most fascinating speakers is Brigitte Khoury, a no-nonsense clinical psychotherapist at the American University, who talks about helping gays and lesbians accept their sexuality. She speaks candidly about the use of corrective therapy, a practice still common across the Middle East.

At a time when the Western media are conjuring up stereotypes of Islam and the Middle East, this documentary presents a complex, and at times surprising, portrait of a cosmopolitan Arab city.

ENGLISH AND ARABIC WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES
NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE



Talking About Amy

24 Flames a Second

A wide range of animations capture the current state of queer cartooning, from hallucinogenic trips to epic journeys through history.



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Cartoon

Stephen Andrews

Canada 2007 Video 1 min

A car ad send-up in which Bambi meets Nissan. The question is—who's who?

Talking About Amy

Yorico Murakaami

Japan/USA 2006 Video 8 min

A delightful doc about Japanese artist Emi Iijima and how one optimistic person can affect the way you see the world.

The Crazy Woman

Kyungwha Lee

South Korea 2007 Video 5 min

This over-the-top, psychedelic feast for the senses attempts to convey the point of view of a "crazy person."

Luscious

Nina Rota

USA 2006 Video 5 min

Pencil-drawn shapes represent flesh separated from the body and then thrown into the air, stretched, squeezed and jumped on.

But Some Are Brave

Grace Channer

Canada 2007 Video 6 min

Scenes from 500 years of struggle for global peace and equality.

Filled with Water

Elka Kerkhofs

Australia 2006 Video 5 min

Anoka feels deep emptiness until she walks into a TV and her heart begins to glow for the ballerina she finds inside.

Tango Finlandia

Hannu Lajunen and Tomi Riionheimo

Finland 2006 Video 6 min

Lonely people look for joy at a dance night in a local bar.

Damned and Forgiven

Andrew James Paterson

Canada 2007 Video 4 min

A laundry list of "the damned."

Unca Trans

Allyson Mitchell and Christina Zeidler

Canada 2007 Super8 (on video) 5 min

Unca Trans pontificates about gender theory and activism back in the 2000s.

Jose Y Maria

Edward Juan

USA 2007 Video 5 min

A ghost and a Catholic schoolgirl conspire against a disciplinarian nun.

For the Love of God

Joe Tucker

UK 2007 35mm 11 min

Living in a Christian bookshop, Graham and his mother both love God...but in very different ways.

Jean, Paulo, Erik, Riton

Tom de Pékin

France 2006 Video 3 min

A polymorphously perverse cartoon inspired by Jean Genet.

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